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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Robert R. Bowie  
Director of the National Foreign Assessment Center

FROM:

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Director, Program and Budget Office  
Resource Management Staff

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SUBJECT: Additional House Appropriations Committee Questions

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1. We have received the attached additional questions for the record from the staff of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. These are in regard to the DCI's 27 March appearance before the committee where he presented the NFIP overview of our fiscal year 1980 budget request. [REDACTED]

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2. Will you please arrange for the preparation of appropriate answers for this question set to be returned to the Resource Management Staff by 13 April. You will note that several of the questions will require DoD observations. Therefore, will you please ensure that your staff solicits a DoD input where required.

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Attachment:

Memo and Questions from  
Chief, Surveys and Investi-  
gations Staff, HAC

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attachments.

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March 23, 1979

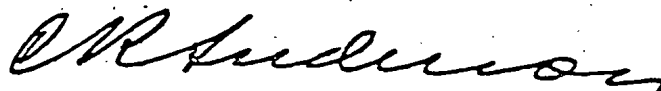
MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN

RE: National Intelligence Estimates

I have been advised that the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) is scheduled to appear before the Committee next week. The Investigative Staff is currently conducting a study of the procedures used by the U.S. Government to produce national and defense intelligence estimates of the military forces which constitute or may constitute in the future threats to the security of this country.

We are in the process of preparing two reports for the Committee which address this subject, however, they will not be completed at the time the DCI testifies before the Committee. Therefore, the following questions are being submitted for the Committee's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



C. R. Anderson  
Chief of the Surveys and  
Investigations Staff  
House Appropriations Committee

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN

Re: National Intelligence Estimates

The following is prepared for possible use during the scheduled appearance before the Committee of the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI).

COMMENT:

Executive Order No. 12036, dated January 24, 1978, makes clear the consumers' primary responsibility to establish requirements and priorities for the intelligence community's collection and production of national foreign intelligence. The National Intelligence Topics (NITs) developed by the policymakers, and approved by the National Security Council Policy Review Committee, of which the DCI is chairman, are the formal expression of these consumer priorities. In addition, the DCI has issued a directive, DCID 1/2, captioned "U.S. Foreign Intelligence Priorities." This directive originates within the intelligence community and is intended to reflect the relative importance of topical information on foreign countries to policy formulation planning and operations of the NSC, its members, and other Federal agencies. During the Investigative Staff's current inquiry concerning national intelligence estimates it was not possible to evaluate the intelligence community's response to NITs because the NITs were characterized as representing privileged policymaker decisions and as such were not available for perusal. Various representatives of the intelligence community advised the Investigative Staff that both the NITs and DCID 1/2 were ineffective in giving guidance as to the production and collection of national foreign intelligence.

QUESTIONS:

1. If the Legislative Branch is to make a meaningful evaluation of the intelligence community's responsiveness to the needs of its users will you advise as to the rationale for declaring the NITs to be privileged decisions of policymakers as to their intelligence requirements and priorities?

2. Can you show how the NITs are factually (rather than "technically") translated as requirements and priorities on the intelligence community's production and collection of intelligence in response thereto?

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3. What procedures are there for insuring that in the real world of intelligence operations there is adherence to the intent of Executive Order No. 12036 which makes it the consumers' primary responsibility to set priorities for the intelligence community which are implemented through the NITs process; or are intelligence requirements and priorities established by the intelligence community based on what it assumes are the policymakers' needs as was the case in the preparation of Key Intelligence Questions (KIQs), the predecessor to the NITs?

4. What are the procedures used for insuring priorities as established in DCID 1/2 are consistent with those set forth in the NITs?

5. Can you show how the NITs and DCID 1/2 are effective in prioritizing collection requirements, or are the prerogatives of the collection asset manager the principle factor affecting tasking priorities?